

CHAPTER 16
IOWA SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS LOAN PROGRAM
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283—16.1(261) Cancelable loans to aid teachers in obtaining authorization to teach mathematics and science.

16.1(1) *Application for mathematics and science loans.*

a. Application forms shall be provided by the commission for distribution through school districts and approved teacher preparation institutions in the state.

b. In the appropriate section of the application form, the educational institution shall certify the applicant's enrollment or acceptance for enrollment in a course of study eligible for loan benefits, the anticipated period of enrollment, the number of credit hours to be earned, and the related tuition and fees.

c. In the appropriate section of the application form, the board of educational examiners shall certify the applicant's current teaching authorization and the number of credit hours needed by the applicant in order to receive authorization as a teacher of mathematics or science.

d. The applicant must file the completed application form and college transcripts for receipt by the commission by December 1, 1983, and by May 1 in subsequent years in order to receive priority consideration.

16.1(2) *Criteria for selection of loan recipients.*

a. If available loan funds are insufficient to aid all eligible applicants who file by the deadline date, priority rankings shall be established according to the number of credit hours needed for approval as a teacher of a sequential mathematics course at the advanced algebra level or higher, chemistry or advanced chemistry, physics or advanced physics. Applicants who need the fewest credit hours for approval shall receive highest priority.

b. In the event of tied rankings, applicants shall be given priority in rank order of the date their applications were received.

c. If loan funds are available after all eligible applicants filing by the deadline date have been aided, loans shall be offered to applicants who filed after the deadline date in rank order of the date their applications were received.

16.1(3) *Promissory note.* The recipient of a loan under this program shall sign a promissory note payable to the commission agreeing to repay the loan on terms established by the commission in conformity with statutory provisions. A repayment schedule shall be agreed upon between the commission and the borrower within three months after completion of the course of study for which the loan was made.

16.1(4) *Interest rate.* The rate of interest on loans under this program shall be equivalent to the interest rate paid by first-time borrowers under the guaranteed student loan program at the time the promissory note is signed.

16.1(5) *Disbursement of loan proceeds.*

a. The loan will be disbursed only after the educational institution certifies that the borrower is enrolled and in good standing. The necessary certification forms will be provided to the institution by the commission.

b. The loan check made payable to the borrower will be sent to the educational institution by the commission promptly after enrollment certification is received.

c. The institution will deliver the check to the student if the student has already paid tuition for the course of study. If tuition has not been paid, the institution may require that the loan check be endorsed to the educational institution.

d. If the student withdraws from attendance and is entitled to a refund on tuition and fees, the pro rata share of the refunds attributable to the state loan must be refunded to the commission.

16.1(6) *Eligible courses of study.* Courses of study eligible for the loan benefits shall be designated by the board of education examiners as set forth in 281—Chapter 87 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

16.1(7) *Loan cancellations.*

a. Ten months following completion of the course of study for which assistance under this program was received, the borrower shall notify the commission of the nature of the borrower's employment during the preceding year. To certify eligibility for cancellation the teacher must submit an affidavit from the superintendent of an Iowa school district verifying that the teacher has been employed for at least four months of the period as a teacher of eligible subject matter in an approved school. Such affidavit shall entitle the teacher to cancellation of 50 percent of the loan and accumulated interest.

b. If the borrower qualifies for partial loan cancellation, the commission shall notify the borrower promptly and revise the repayment schedule accordingly.

16.1(8) *Loan payments.*

a. Prior to the start of the repayment period the commission shall provide the borrower with a repayment schedule, modified to reflect any applicable cancellation benefits.

b. It shall be the borrower's responsibility to remit payments to the commission by the twentieth day of each month.

c. In the event of a delinquency in loan payment exceeding 120 days, the account will be referred to the attorney general or a collection agency for appropriate legal action.

d. The borrower is responsible for notifying the commission immediately of any change in name, place of employment, or home address.

16.1(9) *Loan payment reimbursement.*

a. At the end of the second year after completion of the educational program for which assistance under this program was received, the teacher shall notify the commission of the nature of the teacher's employment during the preceding year. If the teacher provides an affidavit from the superintendent of an Iowa school district verifying the teacher's employment for at least nine months of the year as a teacher of eligible subject matter in an approved Iowa school, the remainder of the loan balance will be canceled and the payments made during the second year will be refunded.

b. Eligibility for refund of loan payments shall be limited to a period of three years.

c. Any payments made more than 60 days after the date due shall not be subject to reimbursement by the commission.

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